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SUBJECT: STATUS OF BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

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1. AFTER PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY SUBSEQUENT TO HIS WALKOUT DURING MOBUTU'S NOV 30 SPEECH (REFTELS), AMB VANDEN BLOOCK APPEARS TO BE REHABILITATED. LAST WEEK HE WAS SUMMONED ALONG WITH SEVERAL EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS TO MEET WITH ACTING FONMIN INONGA AFTER HAVING BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO GOZ OFFICIALS SINCE NOV 30. VANDEN BLOOCK INQUIRED IF IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO ATTEND WELCOMING CEREMONIES FOR MOBUTU DEC 18 ON HIS RETURN FROM EGYPT AND WAS ASSURED HE SHOULD BE PRESENT. MOBUTU APPEARED TO GREET VANDEN BLOOCK AFFABLY.

2. VANDEN BLOOCK HAS DEPARTED FOR VACATION IN THE ITALIAN ALPS. WHEN ASKED FONOFF ABOUT TIMING OF CONSULTATION IN BRUSSELS HE WAS TOLD TO CONTINUE WITH HIS LEAVE PLANS.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY BE THAT IN THIS DELICATE PERIOD WHEN IT IS FORMULATING ITS POSITION ON RECENT GT MEASURES, GOB DOES NOT WISH TO CREATE IMPRESSION OF CRISIS BY HAVING VANDEN BLOOCK SEEN IN BRUSSELS.

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